

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A medical instrument comprising:

a first part and a second part which are connected together by a connecting device;  
~~wherein~~ the first part comprises comprising a retaining chamber for the second part and the second part [[is]] being seated on the first part by means of at least one shaft end [[spigot]] and at least one corresponding shaft end [[spigot]]-seating, each of said at least one shaft end and said corresponding shaft end-seating forming a connecting arrangement of the connecting device in the retaining chamber; wherein:

the at least one shaft end-seating has an associated insertion recess; and  
the shaft end is arranged on one of the first part or the second part;  
the corresponding shaft end-seating is arranged on the other one of the first part or the second part; and  
the shaft end is adapted to be pushed into the shaft end-seating via said insertion recess.

2. (Currently amended) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein:

~~the second part is connected to the first part by means of spigot and spigot seating~~  
the at least one shaft comprise two shaft ends;  
said at least one corresponding shaft end seating comprises two corresponding shaft end-seatings; and  
said two shaft ends and two corresponding shaft end seatings forming two connecting arrangements on opposite sides of the retaining chamber.

3. (Currently amended) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 2 wherein the ~~spigot and spigot seating~~ connecting arrangements on opposite sides of the retaining chamber are in

alignment.

4. (Original) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the second part is connected to the first part via the connecting device in rotatable manner.

5. (Currently amended) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein ~~a spigot and spigot seating the connecting arrangement device~~ is in the form of a swivel joint.

6. (Original) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the thickness of the second part is adapted to the height of the retaining chamber.

7. (Currently amended) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein [[a]] the shaft end- [spigot] seating is arranged on the first part and [[a]] the corresponding shaft end [spigot] is arranged on the second part.

8. (Currently amended) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein [[a]] the shaft end- [spigot] seating is arranged on the second part and [[a]] the corresponding shaft end [spigot] is arranged on the first part.

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Currently amended) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein ~~an~~ the insertion recess is tapered with a decreasing aperture in the direction of the shaft end- [spigot] seating.

11. (Currently amended) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein [[a]] the shaft end [spigot] is tapered in a direction of insertion into [[a]] the shaft end- [spigot] seating.

12. (Original) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the first part is manufactured from a synthetic material

13. (Original) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the second part is manufactured from a synthetic material.

14. (Currently amended) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein [[a]] the shaft end- [[spigot]] seating is closed with respect to the exterior.

15. (Currently amended) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein a shaft end- [[spigot]] seating is open with respect to the exterior.